



Return of pupils to school during Covid-19 pandemic – June 2020

Parent Fact Sheet – FAQs

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| In the classrooms | <p>How will the classroom be set up?</p> <p>How will social distancing work with young children?</p> | <p>Within a bubble, social distancing will be almost impossible to achieve, particularly with Foundation and Year 1 pupils.</p> <p>Children will be put into bubbles of up to 15, with a very low number of adults working with them throughout the week. Once allocated to a bubble it is unlikely that children be swapped between bubbles.</p> <p>The bubbles will be kept apart so that there is little risk of cross contamination between bubbles, children and staff will not move between bubbles.</p> |
| Grouping the children | <p>Will they have their usual teacher / teaching assistant?</p> <p>Will this remain consistent?</p> <p>Will they be mixed with other years?</p> | <p>We will be operating on reduced staffing capacity as we have staff who are shielding, self-isolating or unable to work in school for other reasons.</p> <p>It will not be possible for all children to come back to their familiar teachers and teaching assistants. We will do our best to make sure that the adult(s) in the bubble are familiar but this cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>The children will be grouped according to age, friendship groups etc. where possible. It will not be possible for children to be with all their friends. There may be children from more than one year group in a group.</p> |
| Lunchtime | <p>What will happen at lunch time?</p> <p>Will I still receive Free School Meals vouchers?</p> <p>Will the children be able to play with their friends?</p> <p>Will school meals be served?</p> | <p>Attending children will stop receiving the Free School Meals vouchers.</p> <p>Children entitled to free school meals or Infant school meals will be provided with a packed lunch in school the first week back. After that, we are in discussion with the school kitchen about the provision of lunches that can easily be carried to classrooms. More information about this will be published soon.</p> <p>In most cases, meals will be eaten in the classroom with the children in the bubble. Children will go outside to play at break and lunch (weather permitting) with the children and adults in their bubble.</p> <p>Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that children will not come into contact with children in other bubbles.</p> |



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| Drop off, pick up | How will pick up/ drop off work? Would I be able to bring other children with me to pick up the one in school? | <p>Pick up and drop off times will need to be staggered at the beginning and end of the day. To safeguard our children and staff and minimise the risk of any virus transmission, we will not be allowing parents to enter the school building.</p> <p>Children must be brought to (and collected from school) by one adult only, who should wait with their child outside their designated entrance. A staff member will greet them and call them in one at a time.</p> <p>Markers will be placed 2 metres away from all classroom doors which parents must not cross. Your child's adult will be at the classroom door and will call children to leave once they have identified the person collecting.</p> <p>When picking up or dropping off, please do not congregate in groups and please maintain social distancing at all times.</p> <p>Note – the adult who is dropping off and collecting the child MUST live in the same household.</p> <p>Children may not play on any of the outside equipment while waiting to come in to or leaving school.</p> <p>Children must remain beside their adult at all times.</p> |
| Communication | How can I communicate with the teacher? Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle them in the morning? | <p>Should you need to speak to a member of school staff please do not come into school but call or e-mail the school office to prearrange a meeting. Meetings will be undertaken either by phone, online, or where it must be face-to-face, in a safe socially-distanced manner.</p> <p>Parents will not be allowed into classrooms.</p> |
| Times of the day | What time will school start / finish? Will the school open for the full day? | <p>Non-key worker children: Your start time and collection will be either 9.00am – 3.00pm, 9.15 – 3.15pm or 9.30am – 3.30pm and will depend which bubbles your child is placed in.</p> <p>Key worker children: available from 8.15am – 5.30 Mon-THur and 8.15 – 3.30 Fridays.</p> <p>All timings are not flexible due to us needing to ensure social distancing of adults.</p> <p>There will be no drop off for YF and 1 in the morning – parents will need to escort their children to the bubble line. Y6 pupils to be dropped off in the carpark and to make their way to their classroom door. They will be expected to ensure social distancing while making their way into school.</p> |



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| | | Children are only permitted to walk home alone if parents write to confirm this. They will need to maintain social distances from other people on their way home. Otherwise parents will need to collect their children at the end of each day. |
| Testing for Covid 19 | Will all staff and children be tested? What happens if someone in the school tests positive? What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid -19? | If a member of staff or child tests positive for Covid-19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly. Children should not be sent into school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough or temperature or who complain of loss of taste or smell will be sent home. Should you, your child or another member of your household develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible, regardless of when your child is next due to attend. The self-isolation period lasts for 7 days for the person who is unwell, 14 days for the family. All children who are attending school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID--19 testing should they develop symptoms. In the case of a member of staff or pupil being tested positive for COVID-19, it is likely that the whole of their bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days. |
| Hygiene and cleaning | How will cleaning be managed? Will all children be supervised regularly washing their hands? Will hand sanitiser be available? Can my child bring in a favourite toy? | Our school is undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day. Children's personal hygiene routines, particularly hand washing will be enforced as an integral part of their day. No toys or personal items will be allowed into school. |
| PPE | Will staff wear PPE? Will the children have to wear masks? | Wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended, except where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, in which case the supervising adult should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance. Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care for pupils. Use of face masks inappropriately can increase the risk of contamination. The guidance specifically states that there are a number of alternative protective measures that should be taken instead which should reduce any concerns e.g. washing hands, cleaning surfaces, use of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes. |



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| Uniform | Will they need to wear school uniform? Will I need to wash their clothes every day? | Children should wear school uniform, however, we ask that children wear shoes which are suitable for outdoor/PE lessons. There is currently no advice stating that parents should wash children's clothes every day. |
| Learning | Will home learning resources continue? Will PE still take place? | We will continue to provide resources to support children who are learning at home. The learning activities in school are likely to mirror those set for home learning. There will be physical activities throughout the day however no separate PE kit will be required. |
| Year 6 | What will the transition arrangements for Year 6 be? | You will be contacted by your child's secondary school with this information. We will work closely with the local secondary schools to support a smooth transition for all the pupils (whether they are learning in school or at home). |
| Personal care and pastoral needs | How will you comfort my child if they need it? | It will not always be possible to maintain social distancing at school and whilst we strive for the best, the emotional needs of children are important too. Appropriate comfort will be given to children where necessary. |
| Key workers | Will full time care for children of key workers continue? | Places for the children of key workers will continue to be offered We urge that key workers with children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5 only send their children to school when absolutely required – i.e. days/times you are actually working, rather than every day of the week if you don't need it. |
| | Will before and after school care still be in place for key workers? | Wrap around care will be offered for children in the key workers' group only from Monday to Friday 8.15am before school, Monday to Thursday until 5.30 and Friday until 3.30 |
| Attendance | What about those children with health conditions? Or family members? Will attendance be compulsory? How will things work if one of my children comes back and not the other? | There will be no legal requirement for children to attend. Many parents will continue to feel that, during this pandemic, home is the safest place for their child. Parents who choose not to send their child back to school this term will not be fined. We will continue to provide learning and support for children at home. We will only be offering places to the priority year groups in the first instance. We are not working with a full complement of staff at the moment, so will only be able to take additional children if the school has capacity (i.e. max of 15 in a bubble). |



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| | If I decide not to send my child back and then change my mind at a later date, will they be able to attend? | |
| Emotional support | <p>How will pupils be supported emotionally?</p> <p>How will you support my child if a member of our family has died from Covid-19?</p> <p>What happens if my child is upset about coming in to school?</p> | <p>During the first few weeks (and longer if necessary), time will be spent supporting children with their social and emotional well being. This will include breathing and yoga activities as well as opportunities to talk – sometimes in a small group situation. We will keep in close contact with parents of children who seem to be particularly anxious. We will support children suffering from bereavement using a range of support materials, particularly from Penhaligon’s Friends. We will keep in close contact with the family during this time.</p> <p>If your child is anxious about coming into the school, the teacher leading their bubble will talk to them and try and persuade them inside. Children will not be permitted to bring in a toy from home, but each teacher will keep a small stock of toys (which will be sanitised and not available for general use) for use by one child as a means of comfort.</p> |
| Academic progress | <p>How will my child catch up on work they have missed while the school has been closed for the past two months.</p> | <p>We will spend time re-establishing boundaries and the school routine, as well as acknowledging this period of unrest. The past two months have been exceptionally challenging for everyone. The re-integration to all year groups is going to take this into account. There will be a lot of focus on the social and emotional aspect of learning, getting the children ‘ready to learn’.</p> <p>Most children are resilient and we will make every effort to support them with their academic learning. Staff timetables for the autumn term will enable booster groups and catch up work to take place.</p> |